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§ 3453.3-3 Effective date.

A transfer shall take effect the first day of the month following its final approval by the Bureau of Land Management, or if the transferee requests in writing, the first day of the month of the approval. The Governor of the affected State(s) shall be given reasonable notice of any lease transfer.

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§ 3453.3-4 Extensions.

- (a) The filing of or approval of any transfer shall not alter any terms or extend any time periods under the lease, including those dealing with readjustment of the lease and the diligent development and continued operation on the lease.
- (b) The filing of or approval of a transfer of an exploration license shall not extend the term of the license beyond the statutory 2-year maximum.

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AUTHORITY: The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359), the Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954 (30 U.S.C. 521–531 *et seq.*), the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 $et\ seq$.) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

SOURCE: 44 FR 42638, July 19, 1979, unless otherwise noted.

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§ 3461.0-3 Authority.

- (a) These regulations are issued under the authority of the statutes listed in §3400.0-3 of this title.
- (b) These regulations primarily implement:
- (1) The general unsuitability criteria in section 522(a) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1272(a));
- (2) The Federal lands review in section 522(b) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1272(b)); and
- (3) The prohibitions against mining certain lands in section 522(e) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1272(e)).

§ 3461.0-6 Policy.

The Department shall carry out the review of Federal lands under section 522(b) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1272(b)) principally through land use planning assessments by the surface management agency regarding the unsuitability of Federal lands for all or certain stipulated methods of coal min-

§ 3461.0-7 Scope.

Each criterion in §3461.1 of this title uses the phrase "shall be considered unsuitable" as shorthand for "shall be considered unsuitable for all or certain